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Informal comments re: notice of proposed rulemaking in Docket No.
FAA-99-5927, revised rules for commercial air tours over Grand
Canyon National Park:

I believe that the ONLY way that the intent and spirit of Public Law 100-91 can be implemented is to ban ALL commercial air tours of Grand Canyon National Park, severely restrict routes for scheduled commercial flight operations over Park airspace below 14,000 feet, and restrict low-level flights of private aircraft in Park airspace.

The ban on commercial air operations should allow for search and rescue and emergency medical evacuation operations. Air support for rafting and boating operations in the Park should be restricted as much as practicable, and park concessionaires offering guided tours should be encouraged to avoid using aircraft for support by offering extra points in evaluations of contract awards to concessionaires that reduce aircraft use.

I live in an area (Juneau, Alaska) that suffers from extensive and prolonged helicopter flightseeing. When I go on vacation, I want to get away from aircraft noise, which becomes ever more difficult even in remote parts of Alaska. When I visit the Grand Canyon, I would like for it to be as quiet as it was when I visited it last on a winter day in early 1966 --- stunning and silent at sunrise in the snow of the South Rim, with only the sound of the river far away in the canyon below.

It's hard to imagine experiencing the same awe with the noise of sightseeing flights, and that's the main reason I have not visited the Canyon for many years. PLEASE restore the quiet of the Canyon by taking the action I have suggested.

Thank for the opportunity to comment. I look forward to a final Rule that will restore the quiet demanded by the law.

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